

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): METHOD FOR JOINING FRAME MEMBERS

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- ☒ 10 pages of Specification/Claims 1-2/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-4B; 4 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and one reference.
- ☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2000-268224 filed September 5, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

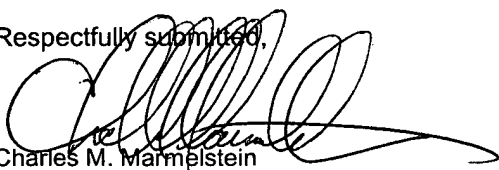
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$750 (\$710 for the filing fee and \$40 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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